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The El Paso City-County Health & Environmental District promotes, ensures and improves the health and well being of the El Paso community. In keeping with these efforts, the District:

- Monitors the health status of individuals in the community to identify community health problems.
- Diagnoses and investigates community health problems and community health hazards.
- Informs, educates and empowers the community with respect to health issues.
- Mobilizes community partnerships in identifying and solving community health problems.
- Develops policies and plans that support individual and community efforts to improve health.
- Enforces laws and rules that protect the public health and ensure safety in accordance with those laws and rules.
- Links individuals who have a need for community and personal health services to appropriate community and private providers.
- Researches new insights and innovative solutions to community health problems.
- Evaluates the effectiveness, accessibility and quality of personal and population-based health services in a community.

DIVISIONS / CORE SERVICES:

- 2-1-1 Information and Referral Line
- Air Quality Program
- Animal Regulation and Disease Control
- Child Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
- Community Health Preparedness
- Dental Clinic
- Epidemiology Program
- Vector Control Program
- Facilities Inspection Program
- On-Site Facilities Program
- Food Inspection Program
- Health Education & Promotion Program
- Laboratory
- Public Health Centers
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases/HIV Clinic
- Tuberculosis (TB) Clinic
- Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)



ACHIEVEMENTS FY05

- Reestablished/maintained the Health District with revised Cooperative Agreement between the City and County of El Paso
- Secured over \$12 million in local, state and federal grants including \$1.08 million from the Health Resources Services Administration for relocation of Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinic, Tuberculosis Clinic and offices for Community Preparedness and funding for renovation of Rawlings Clinic for Dental Clinic and other funds for Ysleta/Henderson Clinics
- Completed construction and began operation at the new Animal Regulation and Disease Control Center. Animal euthanasia is down by 10% and adoptions increased by 9%
- Implemented the Rio Grande 2-1-1 Information Referral System
- Implemented 1st phase of RODS (epidemiology surveillance) with all area hospitals
- Successfully piloted the WIC Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) system, the largest in the U.S.
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) declared El Paso County in attainment for the one-hour ozone standard of the Clean Air Act